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STATEMENT

Applicants wish to point out that claims 1-9 and 11-13 were allowed in Parent Application No. 10/360,642. Since the present claims include subject matter that is similar to that recited in allowed claims 1-9 and 11-13 of the parent application, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the claims presented in the instant application. A favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced Application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form-1449. The listed documents were all cited in Parent Application No.: 10/360,642. Accordingly, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies are not being submitted along with this Information Disclosure Statement.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior

art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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